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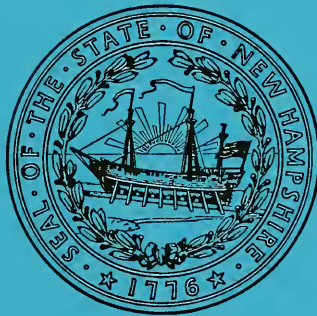
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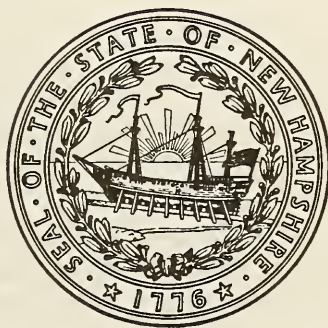
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Pat, Ralene and Pauline. When you hear those names in Danbury, you know that it is the Post Office that is being discussed. They did so much more than deliver the mail. They delivered messages, gave notices of upcoming events, listed news of illnesses, births and deaths, warned of Town Meeting and public hearings, advertised bake sales and car washes, and called you by your first name.

If you have made Danbury your home in the last 35 years, then you met these fine ladies, and they made you feel welcome and comfortable here. If you happen to have been a lifelong resident like them, they shared your sense of home and family.

We have all been blessed to have had the commitment they have made to making our town a nice place to live.

When the three of them retired on January 29, 1999, they had a collective 92 years of service in the Post Office. Ralene Currier had made that walk from her home with a smile for 35 years to dispense the mail and good humor. Pat Moran served for 30 years, 25 as our Postmaster. She now looks forward to traveling and enjoying her grandchildren. Pauline Grace completes 27 years in the Danbury and Grafton Post Offices.

Ralene Currier and Pauline Grace are sisters and have followed in the footsteps of their father, Ray J. Martin, who served as a mail carrier for 43 years.

We dedicate this Town Report and our appreciation to these three ladies for their service to the Post Office and to the Town of Danbury, but most of all, we thank them for being good friends.

Thank you, Pat, Ralene and Pauline, for a job well done.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Lisa Moran (res.)
Matt Denton (apptd.)

Town Clerk

Sylvia Hill

Treasurer

Christie Phelps

Selectmen

James D. Phelps	Term expires 1999
James M. Larkin	Term expires 2000
Steven D. Gordon	Term expires 2001

Tax Collector
Sylvia Hill

Deputy Tax Collector
Margaret Barnett

Chief of Police
Stephen J. Corsetti

Detective Sergeant
Dale Cook

Patrolman
Norman Daigneault

Special Officer
Jean Corsetti

Admin. Assistant
Christie Phelps

Supervisors of the Checklist

Dorothy McGonnigal	Term expires 2000
Louise Huntoon	Term expires 2002
Linda Sargent	Term expires 2004

Library Trustees

Jean Hayes (resigned)	Term expires 1999
Mary Quinn	Term expires 2000
Phyllis Wiggin	Term expires 2001
Anna Tanguay (appointed)	

Trustees of Trust Funds

Debbie DeSantis	Term expires 1999
Sue-Anne Bourbeau	Term expires 2000
David Szacik	Term expires 2001

Road Agent
Ricky Moran

Auditors
Leo Zaccaria
Gilda Demers

Municipal Budget Committee

Jon Schurger	Term expires 1999
Alfred (Duke) Reed	Term expires 1999
Donald Buebendorf	Term expires 2000
Carl Huard	Term expires 2000
Jean Corsetti	Term expires 2001
Christopher Braley	Term expires 2001
James M. Larkin	Ex-Officio (2000)

*Representative to the
School Board*
Wade Heberling

*Representative to the
School Budget Committee*
Christopher Braley

Emergency Management Director
Andrew Phelps

Forest Fire Warden
Glenn Daniels

Deputy Wardens

Merton Austin
Tom Austin
Debbie Daniels

Lee V. Ford
James Fifield

Andrew L. Phelps
Robert Ford

Planning Board

Nancy Schoeller
Jon Schurger
Albert Hopkins
Phyllis Taylor
Linda Ray Wilson
Craig Campbell
Eddie Phelps
James D. Phelps

Term expires 1999
Term expires 1999
Term expires 2000
Term expires 2001
Term expires 2001
Alternate
Alternate
Ex-Officio (1999)

Recreation Committee

Dale Cook
Stanley Phelps
Gordon Ordway Jr.
Kimberly Barney
Steve Gordon, Selectman

Term expires 1999
Term expires 1999
Term expires 1998
Term expires 2000
Ex-Officio (1998)

Cemetery Trustees

Timothy Martin
Steve Corsetti
Phyllis Taylor

Term expires 1999
Term expires 2000
Term expires 1998

OFFICERS OF DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

Lloyd A. West

Robert B. Ford

Phyllis Wiggin

Chief

Merton Austin

Captain

Tom Austin

Deputy Chief

James Fifield

Chief Engineer

Lee V. Ford

Clerk

Jon Johnson

Treasurer

Sharon Austin

Lieutenants

Jon Johnson

Glenn Daniels

Tammy Phelps

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1998 will long be remembered in New Hampshire as "The Year of the Ice Storm." For a period of about two weeks last January, many of our neighbors were without power, roads remained virtually impassable and thousands of trees were either partially or completely destroyed. It will take many, many years for our forests to recover from the damage. In spite of its devastation, the ice storm of 1998 brought out the best in our citizens: neighbors checking neighbors, generators shared, people with chainsaws helping to clear roadways. The selectmen wish to thank everyone in town who helped clean up after the storm, with particular gratitude to our Highway Crew, the Police Department, Fire Department, Fast Squad, the Emergency Management Director and the crews of the various power companies.

1998 was also the year when the Danbury Community Center, under the direction of the Danbury Workshop, Inc., opened its doors to the community. This building will become one of the leading centers for Danbury's social activities for many years to come.

The year the Recreation Department again operated a summer program for the youth of our community. The demand for this service far exceeded our expectations, requiring the hiring of a third employee halfway through the program. As you will note, the 1999 Recreation Department budget reflects an increase due to the increased demand for services. This past summer, the Recreation Department put the final touches on the ball field at Independence Park, and this new recreation facility should serve our town well.

Some of the highlights of the year included: erecting road signs throughout the town, improving services and increasing opportunities for recycling at the transfer station, continued enforcement of RSA 236:92, the rules governing the control of junkyards (over 60 unregistered vehicles were removed from town in 1998), through the efforts of Mark Manna, Bristol is no longer a toll call. The new highway garage site has been cleared in anticipation of a new building, speed limit signs have been erected and regular enforcement occurs on all roads, and the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department took possession of the new truck.

On Tuesday, March 9, the citizens of Danbury will vote on the adoption of the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance. We urge your support of this plan for three reasons:

1. The document has been revised to reflect the sentiments expressed by many of you who attended the four public hearings which were held on December 15 and 19, 1998, and January 12 and 26, 1999;
2. This plan does not change preexisting uses; and
3. The Land Use and Zoning Ordinance serves to protect us from unwanted future growth which does not retain, protect or enhance the beauty and the rural and historic atmosphere of the town, such as a major recycling center, a petroleum oil substation or a strip mall within the town's village district.

Please note that the selectmen have not recommended any significant increases in the Police Department budget for 1999. We have included \$1,000.00 in our budget recommendation to fund an independent study to advise on such matters as the need for more police officers, the need for a second police vehicle and should we provide for expanded hours at the Police Department office. Once the study is completed, the selectmen will review all recommendations concerning the future operation of the department. Additionally, we have not recommended substantial increases in any departmental budget in an effort to hold down expenses as much as possible.

As you will note, we have dedicated the 1999 Town Report to Ralene Currier, Pauline Grace and Pat Moran. There are, however, two other individuals we would like to recognize in this report for their untiring service to our community.

Phyllis Wiggin, a resident in town for over 55 years, recently retired from active duty with the Danbury Fast Squad. Phyllis served with the squad from August of 1978 to January of 1999, and now acts as a member of the Advisory Board. If you have missed seeing Phyllis as she made her rounds with the Fast Squad, you may have seen her in her other roles as a member of the Library Trustees and the Fire Commissioners. She also served for a time on the Planning Board. We are grateful to have someone like Phyllis in town and wish her the best as she tries to hone her skills on the computer.

James (Jim) Phelps has served the Town of Danbury in many capacities over the past three decades, recently as a selectman since 1993. Jim has also served on the Planning Board, the Budget Committee, has been an Auditor, the Fire Warden (19 years), Town Moderator, member of the Highway Garage Committee, and has been a friend to the Recreation Department Summer Program. Those who know him will agree that Jim is a visionary who is generous with both his time and knowledge.

Finally, our sincere appreciation to all Town employees, volunteers and other citizens who daily contribute to making Danbury a wonderful community in which to live.

Selectmen of Danbury,
Steve Gordon, Chairman
James Larkin
James Phelps

1998 DANBURY TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 1998—The polls were open from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall for Election of Town Officers, and for the first time for the entire Newfound Area School Officers and Warrant.

TOWN MEETING RECONVENED FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Moderator, Lisa Moran. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, James Phelps was introduced to say a few words in memory of Annie Walker. On Tuesday, Annie, the Town's most senior citizen, arrived before the polls opened, sat and waited to vote, visited, was the first person to vote, then went home and passed away. She did tell Jim that she was happy to get out for one more vote. The memorial service on Saturday, March 14th at 2 P.M. at the South Danbury Church was announced.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Charles Hibbard of the Danbury Christian Church, followed by the salute to the American Flag. Moderator Moran introduced the head tables which included the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Budget Committee Members.

The Moderator's Rules for the meeting were announced as follows:

- One must be recognized by Moderator before speaking.
- One person at a time will have the floor.
- All debate must go through the Moderator, no debate between or among individuals.
- No personal attacks.
- No disorderly conduct or foul language.
- The procedure for the meeting will be:
- Moderator will read each article as it comes up.
- Either a motion to adopt or pass over will be made from the floor before any debate begins. If an article is passed over, it means it is defeated. Then will follow a general discussion or debate.
- Please state your name before speaking on an article.
- Any amendments are to be offered in writing. An amendment will be voted on as it comes up, only one amendment on the floor at a time. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Moderator will read the article again, as amended, to be sure everyone understands what is being voted upon, then we will vote.
- All warrant articles will be decided by simple majority, this year there are no votes requiring a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. A tie vote will defeat an article.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

The Moderator announced the results of Tuesday's voting. There were 375 votes cast, a 57% voter turnout. 24 new voters were added on election day

for a total of 661 voters on the checklist. The following Town Officers were elected:

Steven D. Gordon	Selectman, 3 yrs.
Lisa Moran	Moderator, 2 yrs.
Sylvia Hill	Tax Collector, 1 yr.
Sylvia Hill	Town Clerk, 1 yr.
Ricky L. Moran	Road Agent, 1 yr.
Steve Corsetti	Chief of Police, 1 yr.
Gilda M. Demers	Auditor, 1 yr.
Leo Zaccaria	Auditor, 1 yr.
Phyllis J. Taylor	Cemetery Trustee, 3 yrs.
Phyllis M. Wiggin	Library Trustee, 3 yrs.
Christopher Braley	Municipal Budget Committee, 3 yrs.
Jean A. Corsetti	Municipal Budget Committee, 3 yrs.
Phyllis J. Taylor	Planning Board Member, 3 yrs.
Linda Ray Wilson	Planning Board Member, 3 yrs.
Gordon Ordway, Jr	Recreation Committee Member, 2 yrs.
Kimberly Barney	Recreation Committee Member, 2 yrs.
Louise G. Huntoon	Supervisor of Checklist, 4 yrs.
Linda E. Sargent	Supervisor of Checklist, 6 yrs.
David Szacik	Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 yrs.

Referendum #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of the Land Use Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board dated January 22, 1998, revised to include recommendations made at the Public Hearing on January 19, 1998?

148 - Yes 70 - No **Referendum Failed.**

School District officers elected in Danbury:

Patty Miller	Alexandria School Board Member, 3 yrs.
Michael Capsalis	Bridgewater School Board Member, 3 yrs.
Edward M. (Ned) Gordon	School District Moderator, 1 yr.
Brenda Akerman	Alexandria School Budget Committee, 3 yrs.
Mary-Ellen Godville	Bridgewater School Budget Committee, 3 yrs.
Christopher Braley	Danbury School Budget Committee, 2 yrs.

The Newfound Area School District Warrant was approved district-wide with the exceptions of Article III, New Hampton Classroom and Article XVI, Petitioned Article regarding \$10.00 for fitness equipment.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$485,272.00** which represents the **operating budget**. Said sum does not include special articles to be addressed. (Recommended by Budget Committee-\$485,272.00; recommended by Selectmen-\$484,405.00.)

Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Audrey Pelligrino to adopt article as read. Selectman Steven Gordon publicly thanked Jean Corsetti for assistance in preparing for this meeting. Also, he stated that John Schoeller has arranged to have a group of six people to give community service to the Town next Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday to clean the Town Hall, do some

work at Independence Park and some clean-up at the Community Center.

Selectman Gordon then gave a detailed explanation of the budget article and reasons for increases and decreases. Andy Phelps asked why the legal expenses were up, and the Selectmen responded that we are in a class action lawsuit with New Hampshire Electric Cooperative with several other towns. This will be settled by the legislature at some point, however, we need to cover additional expenses in the meantime.

Motion made to **amend Article 2** by James Phelps, seconded by Albert Hopkins, to **increase General Government Buildings by \$300.00 for cleaning supplies to \$7,650. Amendment passed by voice vote.**

After considerable discussion regarding costs for highway equipment repairs, particularly the old truck, and the costs regarding the transfer station, including an explanation of the State's "friendly" visit, unauthorized users whose number plates need to be reported to the Selectmen for follow-up by the police, as well as excessive costs which caused the recycling program to be discontinued,

Article 2 was passed by unanimous voice vote in the amount of \$485,572.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,700.00 to purchase surplus State-owned land abutting the railroad tracks.** Purchase price equals \$4,200.00 with \$500.00 being added for administrative costs. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)

Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Linda Wilson, to pass Article 3 as read. The article was spoken to by Jim Phelps. There are three parcels referred to in the article which are: .3 acre across from the South Danbury Church; .9 acre between Route 4 and the old Railroad Station in the center of town, as well as .9 acre across the rail bed and along High Street, which is across the road from the newly renovated Community Center. It was indicated that current philosophy for use might include a Safety Services Center on the central Danbury area such as the Fire, Rescue & Police Departments. After discussion, Article 3 was passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a suitable site for a new Highway Garage and the development of same; and to authorize a five member committee, appointed by the Selectmen, to locate said site. (Recommended by Selectmen, Not Recommended by Budget Committee.)

Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Mark Phelps to adopt Article 4. James Phelps spoke to the article and explained that the current Highway Garage is on .3 acre which is not enough to adequately store the equipment and with conditions of and in the building less than adequate particularly for maintenance, and there are no septic facilities. They would anticipate looking for about three acres which is readily accessible but not visible near the center of town.

The committee would consist of one Selectman, the Road Agent, one Budget Committee Member, and two members "at large" to be appointed by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4 passed by voice vote with a few dissenting voices.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00 for the purchase of a paper storage trailer** to be located at the Transfer Station. (Recommended by Selectmen; not recommended by Budget Committee.)

Motion to adopt article made by James Phelps, seconded by Audrey Pellegrino.

Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Steve Gordon **to amend Article 5 to change the \$5,000 to \$4,000.** After explaining that the price given is to provide a 40'-48' road-worthy trailer, and we have a four month trial period as provided by the Waste Management contract, the Budget Committee did not recommend because they felt the original \$5,000 figure was too high, but now support it. Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 5 passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote the raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,500.00 to provide health insurance** for the full-time employees of the Town, **and** to further authorize the selectmen to continue insurance coverage until the next annual Town Meeting with any 1999 costs being included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Budget. Further, if approved, the article will show on the 1999 budget under the 01-4155 account titled Employee Benefits. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)

Motion made to pass Article 6 as read by Steve Gordon, seconded by Sara Manna.

Motion to amend Article 6 made by Jean Corsetti, seconded by John Lavorgna to read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 to provide health insurance for the full-time employees of the Town, and to further authorize the Selectmen to continue insurance coverage until next annual Town Meeting with any 1999 costs being included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Budget. Further, if approved, the article will show on the 1999 Budget under the 01-4155 account titled Employee Benefits. In addition, to establish a committee consisting of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Budget Committee and three members of the public to be appointed by the two aforementioned Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Members to review and establish an Employee Salary and Benefits Plan for the Town to be presented to the voters of the Town at the Town Meeting in March of 1999 for approval and implementation of said plan.

Explanations offered included that this would cover four full-time, or 40 hour, employees to consist of Approximately \$233/ month for nine months for single coverage. The employees would be three highway department employ-

ees and the Selectmen/Police/Highway Secretary. They may add their spouses/family at their own expense. They would like to offer this in order to stay competitive and keep good people. They are currently looking at the NHMA Insurance Trust.

Article 6, as amended, passed by voice vote with no dissention.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00 for property assessment**. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)

Selectman Steve Gordon explained they would like to hire a qualified real estate appraiser to assist the Selectmen, beginning with changes reflected on the inventories, review the assessment cards involved for fairness. They have in mind a person who charges \$20 per assessment card. He could also advise on classes of properties, such as all businesses or all trailers, or properties which may have been problematic in other communities, then they could review a group for possible actions. Arthur Morrill is the individual they have in mind; he has 15 years experience in the Department of Revenue Administration and significant experience in the Lakes Region in assessing properties. He would not make final decision, he would make recommendations to the Selectmen. It would give the Selectmen and the public a third party to take a look, and he would be used as a consultant. If this is approved, and they can continue this program in next year's warrant, it would be reflected in the operating budget; and within six to eight years, the hope is to be able to review all properties in town. He would also be able to review properties which might be appealed with the State for abatements.

Article 7 was passed by voice vote with no dissention.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,410.00 for the purchase of Topographic & Wetlands Map Overlays**. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)

Motion made to approve the article as read by Linda Wilson, seconded by Alan Brownell. Linda Wilson spoke to the article and explained this was another step in the tax mapping.

Article 8 was passed by voice vote with one dissention.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00 to be placed in the Highway Capital Reserve Fund**. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)

Motion made by Steve Gordon, seconded by Dot McGonnigal. In response to a question, Dave Szacik, Trustee of Trust Funds, indicated there was a typo in the amount of ending balance in last year's annual report. After some discussion regarding the highway practices and funding, Article 9 was passed by voice vote with no dissenting voices.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00 for the purchase and installation of road signs**. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)

Motion made by James Phelps to pass article as read, seconded by Don Buebendorf. It was explained that this is to cover approximately 100 signs regarding the 911 road names which project is anticipated will be completed this summer. Individuals will be responsible for the numbers.

Article 10 was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of **\$4,295.00 on video monitoring equipment** to be installed in the Police Department's cruiser. Said monies to be expended from 1997 Unreserved Fund Balance and to further authorize the application for 50% funding of this article from the Federal Highway Safety Committee. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)

Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by Mark Phelps. In response to a question, it was explained that this equipment will be put into the new cruiser which will become the primary cruiser as soon as two officers have driver training classes. It will have voice and video capability for all stops.

Article 11 was passed by voice vote, no dissension.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to **accept and expend**, on behalf of the Town, monies from the **Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of New Hampshire as reimbursement in the amount of 87.5%** of the total cost incurred by the Town in relation to the 1998 January Ice Storm.

Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Sara Manna to pass article.

Article 12 passed by voice vote, no dissension.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000.00** to be used for the **cleanup of damage caused by the 1998 January Ice Storm**. This amount will be offset by an **87.5% reimbursement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of New Hampshire**. This will cover work already performed and that work which will need to be completed in the Spring. (Recommended by Selectmen; not recommended by Budget Committee.)

Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Harold Knott to pass the article.

Motion made to amend Article 13 by changing the \$40,000 to \$28,000; made by James Phelps, seconded by Sara Manna. After discussions regarding the storm and that this might not be enough money and explanation that FEMA recommended the Town to go with a lower figure although we would receive more reimbursement if needed, Article 13 was passed as amended by voice vote with no dissension.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to modify the Section 218 agreement currently held with the State of New Hampshire to reflect changes made to the Social Security Independence and Program Act of 1994 which raised the **exclusion for election workers to less than \$1,000.00 annually** for services performed by election workers for the Town of Danbury. This would

exclude election workers from having to have **Social Security and Medicare deductions** taken from their pay.

Motion made to pass Article 14 as read by James Phelps, seconded by Dot McGonnigal.

Article 14 was passed unanimously by voice vote after a brief explanation.

ARTICLE 15. To establish a **Capital Reserve Fund for Records Preservation** and authorize the Selectmen to disburse funds without further action at Town Meeting. Motion made by Sylvia Hill to pass article, seconded by James Phelps.

Amendment to Article 15 to correct wording and authorize the Selectmen "to act as agents" to disburse funds, made by James Phelps, seconded by Sara Manna. Amendment passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Jean Corsetti, seconded by John Lavorgna:

To amend Article 15: To establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Records preservation and to establish a five member committee consisting of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Budget Committee, the Town Clerk, one member of the Danbury Historical Society, and one member of the public to be appointed by other members of the Committee to review the Records Preservation needs of the Town and to establish a plan for Records Preservation to be presented to the voters of the Town at the March 1999 Town Meeting.

After considerable discussion and explanation that it is included in the Capital Improvement Plan, and a voice vote too close to call, Amendment defeated by hand vote: Yes-12; No-many more.

Article 15 was passed as originally amended by voice vote with some dissension.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 to be placed in the **Records Preservation Capital Reserve Fund**. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)

Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Brenda Haynes.

Article 16 was passed by voice vote with one dissension.

ARTICLE 17. Pursuant to RSA 39:3, to see if the Town will vote with the passage of this article to resolve to publicly express its outrage and dismay at the State of New Hampshire, the Governor, the Governor's Council and the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) for the lack of due process and notice for the erection of a 180 foot tower at the summit of Mount Kearsarge; the disregard for the scenic and aesthetic values consistent with the use of public park land; and the selling of public resources for commercial use under the guise of police and public safety, and the betrayal of the public trust.

Motion made by Linda Wilson, seconded by Dennis Phelps to pass the article as read.

Linda Wilson spoke to the article and offered a handout. There was a great deal of discussion regarding aesthetics, economics, personal freedoms and the violation of public trust by the State not following the rules. After considerable discussion, Article 17 was passed by a show of hands. Andy Phelps requested that the record show it was not a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, **until rescinded, to accept on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies and devises** made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.

Motion made by Audrey Pelligrino, seconded by Sara Manna to pass article as read.

Article 18 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, **until rescinded, to accept gifts of personal property** which may be offered to the Town for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 31:93-e. The Selectmen must hold a public hearing before accepting such gifts, and the acceptance shall not bind the Town to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of any such personal property.

Motion made by Steve Gordon, seconded by Mark Phelps to pass article as read.

Article 19 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, **until rescinded, to sell any material or equipment deemed surplus to the Town's needs**.

Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Lyn Zaccaria to move the article as read.

Article 20 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by Mark Phelps to move the article.

Jean Corsetti made an announcement that all Budget Committee Meetings are public, and there is one scheduled for next Thursday at 7 P.M.

Motion made to adjourn by Donald Haynes, seconded by Dennis Phelps. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

DANBURY'S 1998 TOWN MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30 P.M.

The above is a certified copy of the minutes of Danbury's 1998 Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk

Operating Budget as amended	\$485,572
Warrant Article 3 Surplus Property Purchase	4,700
Warrant Article 4 Highway Garage Site	15,000
Warrant Article 5 Paper Storage Trailer	4,000
Warrant Article 6 Health Insurance	8,500
Warrant Article 7 Property Assessment	3,000
Warrant Article 8 Topographic & Wetlands Map Overlays	3,410
Warrant Article 9 Highway Capital Reserve	10,000
Warrant Article 10 Road Signs	5,000
Warrant Article 11 Police Video Monitor Equipment	4,295
Warrant Article 13 Federal Emergency & State for January Ice Storm	28,000
Warrant Article 16 Records Preservation Capital Reserve Fund	2,000
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED	<u>\$ 573,477</u>

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
LAND		
Current Use Land	\$ 1,088,663.00	\$ 1,264,250.00
Conservation Restriction	-0-	-0-
Other Land	13,302,538.00	14,637,592.00
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TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	\$ 14,391,201.00	\$15,901,842.00
 BUILDINGS		
Residential	\$ 24,864,355.00	\$25,615,472.00
Manufactured Housing	1,148,388.00	1,210,424.00
Commercial/Industrial	890,372.00	881,417.00
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TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$ 26,903,115.00	\$27,707,313.00
 PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electric	799,939.00	799,939.00
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TOTAL OF UTILITIES	\$ 799,939.00	\$ 799,939.00
 TOTAL VALUATION		
BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$ 42,094,255.00	\$44,409,094.00
Elderly Exemptions Allowed	(320,000.00)	(320,000.00)
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NET VALUATION	\$ 41,744,255.00	\$44,089,094.00
 TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS		
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$ 1,245,272.00	\$ 1,355,740.00
Less War Service Credits	(14,200.00)	(14,200.00)
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TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$ 1,231,072.00	\$ 1,341,040.00
 TAX RATE		
Town	\$ 2.23	\$ 5.86
County	2.28	2.20
School District	25.38	22.69
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MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	\$29.89	\$30.75

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 587,746.00	\$ 573,477.00
Total Revenues and Credits	494,763.00	315,302.00
Net Town Appropriations	92,983.00	258,175.00
Net School Assessment	1,057,191.00	1,000,458.00
County Tax Assessment	95,098.00	97,107.00
Total of Town, School and County	\$1,245,272.00	\$1,355,740.00
Add War Service Credits/Overlay	(14,200.00)	(15,700.00)
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$1,231,072.00	\$1,340,040.00

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Valuation (\$44,089,084) x Tax Rate (\$30.75) = \$1,355,740
\$1,355,740 = Property Taxes to be Raised

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES Year Ending December 31, 1998

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation	Expenditures	Unexpended	
			Balance	Overdraft
Executive	\$ 28,881.00	\$ 30,305.88		(\$1,424.88)
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	12,385.00	12,304.30	80.70	
Financial Administration	15,635.00	15,425.14	209.86	
Legal Expenses	1,500.00	457.53	1,042.47	
Personnel Administration	10,700.00	14,285.76		(3,585.76)
Planning & Zoning	1,430.00	1,374.11	55.89	
General Government Buildings	7,650.00	5,885.04	1,764.96	
Cemeteries	3,300.00	3,300.00		
Insurance	12,300.00	13,803.20		(1,503.20)
Regional Associations	6,039.00	6,038.24	0.76	
Police Department	40,412.00	38,691.96	1,720.04	
Ambulance	5,070.00	5,070.00		
Fire Department	16,200.00	15,896.19	303.81	
Emergency Management	28,500.00	27,957.84	542.16	
Forest Fire Control	500.00	897.52		(397.52)
Highways & Streets	185,970.00	185,582.25	387.75	
Street Lighting	4,400.00	4,720.62		(320.62)
Solid Waste Disposal	64,464.00	65,511.91		(1,047.91)
Animal Control	2,500.00	2,187.93	312.07	
Health Agencies/FAST Squad	6,335.00	6,335.00		
Welfare	1,000.00	268.08	731.92	
Parks & Recreation	7,930.00	9,074.31		(1,144.31)
Library	4,270.00	4,120.23	149.77	
Patriotic Purposes	400.00	549.34		(149.34)
Senior Citizen Programs	350.00	350.00		
Long-term Notes	39,100.00	39,100.00		
Interest on Long-term Notes	3,351.00	3,350.16	0.84	
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000.00	2,445.58	554.42	
Highway Garage Site	15,000.00	12,415.60	2,584.40	
Railroad Property Purchase	4,700.00	4,700.00		
Paper Storage Trailer	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	
Video Monitoring Equipment	4,295.00	4,295.00		
Health Insurance	8,500.00	5,860.53	2,639.47	
Maps	3,410.00	0.00	3,410.00	
Assessing Services	3,000.00	1,679.00	1,321.00	
Records Preservation	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	
Road Signs	5,000.00	4,657.49	342.51	
Capital Reserve Fund Transfer	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	
TOTALS	\$573,477.00	\$560,895.74	\$22,154.80	(\$9,573.54)

UNEXPENDED BALANCE:

Unexpended Balances	\$22,154.80
Less Overdrafts	(9,573.54)
TOTAL UNEXPENDED BALANCE	\$12,581.26

SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNTS
as of December 31, 1998

COMMON TRUST - Cemeteries			
Beginning Balance			\$ 34,396.28
Income			
New Funds	1,500.00		
Interest	2,059.42		
Expense			
Maintenance	1650.00		
Ending Balance			\$ 36,305.70
PARSONAGE FUND			
Beginning Balance			\$ 300.02
Income			
Interest	8.12		
Expenses			
Danbury Christian Church	2.71		
United Church of Danbury	2.71		
S. Danbury Christian Church	2.71		
Ending Balance			\$ 300.01
FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT			
Beginning Balance			\$ 3,306.14
Income			
Interest	89.40		
Ending Balance			\$ 3,395.54
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND			
Beginning Balance			\$ 564.79
Income			
New Funds	10,000.00		
Interest	15.27		
Ending Balance			\$ 10,580.06
POLICE EQUIPMENT			
Beginning Balance			\$ 991.05
Income			
Interest	41.00		
Ending Balance			\$ 1,032.05

BRIDGE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 16,761.26
Income		
Interest	682.08	
Expense		
Repairs	344.05	
Ending Balance		\$ 17,099.29

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 31,809.29
Income		
Interest	156.16	
Expense		
Fire Truck	30,000.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 1,965.45

Records Preservation Fund

Beginning Balance		\$ 0.00
Income		
New Funds	2,000.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of Trust Funds
Dave Szacik
Debbie DeSantis
Sue-Anne Bourbeau

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
Year Ending December 31, 1998

Remitted to Treasurer

Remitted by Selectmen's Office	\$ 33,267.54
Remitted by Town Clerk	105,185.67
Remitted by Tax Collector	1,546,877.11
Transfers from Capital Reserve Funds	30,000.00
Proceeds from Long-term Notes	60,000.00
State of NH Highway Block Grant	101,470.31
State of NH Rooms & Meals & Revenue	36,021.74
Sharing Distributions	
FEMA Ice Storm Relief	24,064.00
Police Grant	2,897.50
Transfer from Trust Funds	1,650.00
Checking Account Interest	2,776.94
Tax Anticipation Notes	300,000.00
Total Income	\$ 2,244,210.81
Cash on Hand 1/1/98	342,436.41
Total Amount Available for Use	<u>\$ 2,586,647.22</u>
Total Expenditures Made During 1998	<u>\$ 2,371,095.10</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1998	\$ 215,552.12

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

1/1/98-12/31/98	Levies of:		
	1998	1997	1996
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Year:			
Property Taxes		\$ 235,265.00	0.00
Resident Change		1,740.00	430.00
Land Use Taxes		3,250.00	
Yield Taxes		12,362.00	
Taxes Committed this Year:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,342,134.00		
Resident Taxes	6,900.00	10.00	
Land Use Change Tax	1,053.00		
Yield Taxes	42,234.00		
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	3,893.00	746.00	
Resident Taxes	30.00		
Yield Taxes	0.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes:	1,734.00	16,334.00	
Collected Resident Tax Penalties	13.00	83.00	14.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 1,397,991.00	\$ 269,790.00	444.00
	Levies of:		
	1998	1997	1996
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,094,616.00	\$ 235,250.00	
Resident Taxes	5,179.00	870.00	140.00
Land Use Change	858.00	3,250.00	
Yield Taxes	33,468.00	12,362.00	
Interest	1,739.00	16,290.00	
Penalties	13.00	83.00	14.00
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	4,026.00	761.00	
Resident Taxes	421.00	620.00	240.00
Yield Tax	208.00		
Interest	7.00	44.00	
Uncollected Taxes - End of Year:			
Property Taxes	247,385.00	0.00	
Resident Taxes	1,330.00	260.00	50.00
Land Use Change Tax	182.00	0.00	
Yield Taxes	8,559.00	0.00	
Interest	1.00		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1,397,992.00	\$ 269,790.00	\$ 444.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

- Tax Sale/Lien on Account on Levies Of -

	1997	1996	1995	1994
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$62,650.00	\$21,977.00	\$ 930.00
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	149,397.00			6.00
Interest & Cost Collected After Lien Execution	6,911.00	7,583.00	6,907.00	(214.00)
TOTAL DEBITS	\$156,308.00	70,233.00	28,884.00	722.00
Remittance to Treasurer Redemptions	\$ 72,614.00	\$41,271.00	\$ 20,793.00	
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	6,830.00	7,147.00	7,674.00	857.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	1,945.00			(1,065.00)
Liens Deeded to Munic.	75.00	85.00	118.00	
Unredeemed Taxes Balance End of Year	74,844.00	21,730.00	299.00	930.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 156,308.00	70,233.00	28,884.00	722.00

DANBURY BUDGET COMMITTEE

1998 Annual Report

The Danbury Budget Committee has spent a considerable number of hours over the past year looking at the 1998 budget and 1999 department requests and Selectmen's recommendations. A public hearing was held on February 7, 1999 to receive comments on the proposed 1999 budget. We have tried to consider the needs of the various departments and the future needs of the Town, and to put forth a budget that we feel fulfills these requirements with the current resources available. We hope that you will support our recommendations at Town Meeting.

Seventy-four percent (74%) of our Town tax bill is for the school budget and seven percent (7%) is for the County Tax, leaving us only minimal control of the total tax bill.

The Danbury Budget Committee holds regular meetings on the second Tuesday each month from April through September, and weekly Tuesday meetings October through February. These meetings are open to the public, and your attendance and input at these meetings would be greatly appreciated. It is our goal to present you with a budget that reflects the type of community in which you wish to live. We hope we have accomplished this goal.

If you have any questions regarding the committee's recommendations, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Jean Corsetti, Chairman
Christopher Braley
Don Buebendorf
Carl Huard
Alfred (Duke) Reed
Jon Schurger

DANBURY TOWN WARRANT

The polls will be open from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Danbury in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Danbury on Tuesday, the 9th of March next, at eleven A.M. of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following issues:

1. To vote on all items appearing on the official ballot.

Town Meeting to reconvene with
Business Meeting, Thursday, March 11, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.
at the Danbury Town Hall.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$551,370.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles to be addressed. (Recommended by Budget Committee \$551,370.00; recommended by Selectmen \$540,885.00.)
3. Polling hours in the Town of Danbury are now 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Shall we place a question on the State election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 11:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. for all regular State elections beginning in the year 2000?
4. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department Radio Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing current low-band radio equipment with high-band units in order to facilitate interdepartmental communication with Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$5,000.00 to be placed in the Fire Department Radio Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a used rescue vehicle for use by the Danbury Fast Squad and to raise \$7,500.00 by taxation and to issue a short-term note for a period of one year in the amount of \$7,500.00 and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be placed in the Records Preservation Capital Reserve Account. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,410.00 to pay for the preparation of the Soil Overlay and Aquifer maps from Cartographic Associates (Soils \$2,035.00; Aquifers \$1,375.00). (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00

- for the removal of an underground fuel storage tank at the Highway Garage. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 for the purchase of a new fuel storage tank and containment center for the Highway Garage (2,000 gallon tank with high volume pump, portable containment center with roof). (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of monitoring equipment and testing at the Highway Garage. The Town will cover the first \$5,000.00 of this cost, and will receive a reimbursement of between 98 and 100% on the remaining costs. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to build a new Highway Garage, \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxation and \$90,000.00 to be raised by issuing a long-term note for a period of ten years, and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee. Two-thirds ballot vote required.)
 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 for purchase of a new Highway truck, \$10,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Account, \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxation and to issue a long-term note in the amount of \$50,000.00 for a period of five years and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee. Two-thirds ballot vote required.)
 14. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road formerly known as Marino Drive which starts just off Roy Ford Road where it intersects with Route 4 and continues south approximately 400 feet to where it now ends. This passes by property now owned by Douglas Cross. This would be done as provided for in RSA 231:43.
 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.
- Given unto our hands this 22nd day of February, 1999.

Selectmen of Danbury
Steven D. Gordon, Chairman
James M. Larkin
James D. Phelps

BUDGET

	Actual Appropriations 1998	Actual Expenditures 1998	Selectmen's Recommended Budget Ensuing Fiscal Year 1999	Not Recommended	Budget Committee Recommended Ensuing Fiscal Year 1999	Not Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Executive	\$2,881	\$30,306	\$31,350	\$ 2,470	\$31,350	\$ 2,470
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	12,385	12,304	14,974	2,595	14,979	2,590
Financial Administration	15,635	15,425	17,060	1,100	16,985	1,175
Revaluation of Property	3,000	1,679	8,000		8,000	
Legal Expense	1,500	458	1,500		1,500	
Personnel Administration	19,200	20,146	22,154		22,154	
Planning and Zoning	1,430	1,374	1,430		1,430	
General Government Buildings	7,650	5,885	12,250		12,250	
Cemeteries	3,300	3,300	3,300		3,300	
Insurance	12,300	13,803	14,085		14,085	
Advertising and Regional Associations	6,039	6,038	6,370		6,370	
Other General Government			850		850	
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police	40,412	38,692	45,812	7,619	51,012	2,419
Fire	16,200	15,896	19,900	9,400	21,200	8,100
Ambulance	5,070	5,070	5,070		5,070	
Emergency Management	29,000	28,856	520		520	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
Administration	120,085	122,063	124,502	(455)	124,702	(655)
Highways & Streets	65,885	63,175	78,108	11,000	78,933	10,175
Bridges		344				
Street Lighting	4,400	4,721	4,400		4,400	
SANITATION						
Solid Waste Disposal	64,464	65,512	55,567		58,597	(3,030)

HEALTH/WELFARE					
Animal Control	2,500	2,188	2,500		2,500
Health Agencies / Fast Squad	6,335	6,335	7,362		7,362
Direct Assistance	1,000	268	1,000		1,000
CULTURE/RECREATION					
Parks & Recreation	7,930	9,074	12,350	1,290	12,350
Library	4,270	4,120	4,270		4,270
Patriotic Purposes	400	549	400		400
Other Culture & Recreation	350	350	350		350
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal-Long-term Notes	39,100	39,100	39,100		39,100
Interest - Long-term Notes	3,351	3,350	3,351		3,351
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000	2,446	3,000		3,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Land	19,700	17,116			
Machinery, Vehicles & Equip.	4,295	4,295			
Improvements, other than buildings	12,410	4,657			
Operating Transfers Out					
To Capital Reserve Fund	12,000	12,000			
MISCELLANEOUS					
W.A. #5 Radio Capital Reserves			5,000		5,000
W.A. #6 Rescue Vehicle			15,000		15,000
W.A. #7 Records Preservation			2,000		2,000
W.A. #8 Soils / Aquifier Maps			3,410		3,410
W.A. #9 Fuel Tank Removal			2,500		2,500
W.A. #10 New Fuel Tank			5,500		5,500
W.A. #11 Emission Monitoring			15,000		15,000
W.A. #12 Highway Garage			100,000		100,000
W.A. #13 Highway Truck			70,000		70,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$573,477	\$560,895	\$759,295	\$35,019	\$769,780
					\$24,534

BUDGET

	Estimated Revenues 1998	Actual Revenues 1998	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year 1999
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,450	\$ 4,000
Resident Taxes	5,000	6,156	5,000
Timber Taxes	15,000	45,829	10,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	25,000	36,023	30,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Business Licenses and Permits	500	704	500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	81,000	98,148	90,500
Building Permits		260	
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees		3,660	
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	21,458	21,983	21,458
Meals & Rooms Tax	9,908	14,039	14,309
Highway Block Grant	101,470	101,470	101,063
Other (FEMA Reimbursement)	26,250	26,962	9,800
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	8,000	12,691	9,600
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	20,000	22,004	

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
From Capital Reserve Funds			10,000
From Trust and Agency Funds		1,650	1,650
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proceeds from Long-term Notes			147,500
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		<u>\$320,886</u>	<u>\$455,110</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Budget Committee
Recommended	\$ 551,370
Special Warrant Articles	\$ 177,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$ 41,410
Total Appropriations Recommended	\$ 769,780
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues	<u>\$ 455,110</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$ 314,670

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT
January 1 through December 31, 1998

1,448	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$97,750.00
197	Motor Vehicle Title Fees	397.50
1,250	Municipal Agent Fees	3213.00
300	Dog Licenses	2004.50
115	Dog License Fees & Penalties	308.00
63	Transfer Permit Stickers	63.00
11	Filing Fees	11.00
10	Vital Statistics	271.00
41	UCC’s	703.57
27	Miscellaneous Income	464.10
3,462	Totals	\$105,185.67

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge.

Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk

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1998 was another busy year! The overall number of transactions increased by 25% with income increasing 12%. Passenger, motorcycle and trailer plates have been available since January of 1998 with most citizens quite pleased with being able to do (nearly) everything here in town. 1999 looks to be interesting with the new scenic number plates being issued to all passenger and initial passenger plate holders at renewal time. The dog licenses increased substantially again this year as did late fees, so remember, they’re due by April 30th!

The Selectmen’s, Town Clerk & Tax Collector’s offices now have networked computers and are nearly ready for “Y2K.”

The Town was quite fortunate to have had some of our very old (1800-1850) town records and information returned. I have inventoried them and plan to concentrate this year on overall vital records preservation.

As is always the case, the annual conferences and meetings are very worthwhile and the most effective means of staying current on changes in the laws as well as allowing the opportunity to share problems and solutions with others tasked with the same duties.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmens's Salaries	5,100.00
Telephone	869.43
Data Processing	412.00
Tax Map Maintenance Fee	800.00
Security Monitoring/Maintenance Fees	466.81
Printing, Advertising	307.95
Dues & Subscriptions	520.00
Office Supplies	1,421.14
Postage	808.88
Equipment Purchase (copier lease)	1,000.00
Workshops, Seminars	110.00
Christie Phelps, Selectmen's Secretary	16,676.17
Moderator Salary	100.00
Town Clerk, Town Meeting	100.00
Town Report Printing	1,613.50

Total Executive Office	30,305.88
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4140 ELECTION REGISTRATION & VITAL STATISTICS

Margaret Barnett, Deputy Town Clerk	225.00
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk Salary	5,250.12
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk Fees	3,247.50
Telephone	338.52
Dues & Subscriptions	20.00
Town Clerk Office Supplies	308.16
Town Clerk Postage	65.97
Computer Support	527.85
Dog Tags, Ballots, Tally Sheets	147.88
Workshops & Conventions	222.00
Town Clerk Change Fund	100.00
Supervisors of Checklist Salaries	818.78
Sylvia Hill, Checklist Update	45.00
Advertising for Elections	225.00
Ballot Clerk Salaries	462.52
Sylvia Hill, Election Attendance	300.00

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	12,304.30
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4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Margaret Barnett, Deputy Tax Collector	200.00
Sylvia Hill, Tax Collector	5,460.00
Sylvia Hill, Tax Collector Fees	5,118.00
Telephone	440.34
Dues & Subscriptions	15.00
Office Supplies	262.60
Postage	1,570.73
Books & Periodicals	25.00

Departmental Supplies	238.59	
Sylvia Hill, Mileage	36.00	
Conventions, Workshops	380.18	
Tax Collector Change Fund	100.00	
Christie Phelps, Treasurer	1,000.00	
Christie Phelps, Treas. Office Supplies	15.70	
Budget Committee Supplies	38.00	
Leo Zaccaria, Auditor	150.00	
Cheryl Denis, Auditor	150.00	
David Szacik, Trustee	75.00	
Deborah DeSantis, Trustee	75.00	
Sue-Anne Bourbeau, Trustee	75.00	
Total Financial Administration		15,425.14
4153 LEGAL EXPENSES		
Upton, Sanders & Smith (NHEC Case)	352.53	
Michels & Michels, deed preparation	105.00	
Total Legal Expenses		457.53
4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		
Workers' Comp. & Unemployment	1,935.45	
Employer Contributions of FICA & Medicare	12,350.31	
Total Personnel Administration		14,258.76
4191 PLANNING & ZONING		
Baldwin, Hogan, Review Fee	150.00	
Cartographic, Mapping Fees	225.00	
Advertising & Printing	500.57	
Office Supplies	112.00	
Postage	168.54	
Books & Periodicals	47.00	
Workshops & Seminars	171.00	
Total Planning & Zoning		1,374.11
4194 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Custodial Supplies	314.74	
Electricity	1,917.30	
Heating Oil	1,573.29	
Repairs & Maintenance	1,307.61	
Improvements to Buildings (Hwy. Garage Door)	772.10	
Total General Government Buildings		5,885.04
4195 CEMETERIES		
Cemetery Wages	1,788.16	
Property Repairs	141.50	
Repair Materials	67.93	
Stone Wall Wages	922.75	
Equipment Rentals	379.66	
Total Cemeteries		3,300.00

4196 INSURANCE

NHMA Property Liability Trust	13,803.20
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Total Insurance

13,803.20

4197 REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Lakes Region Planning Commission	824.00
Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid	3,167.24
Community Action Program	1,222.00
Council on Aging	475.00
NH Humane Society	300.00
Twin Rivers Counseling	50.00

Total Regional Associations

6,038.24

4210 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Part-time Officers, Admin. Assistant Wages	13,046.54
Police Chief, Stephen Corsetti, Wages	13,145.26
Legal Services	500.00
Telephone	2,333.76
Office Equipment Purchase	142.65
Dispatch Services	4,191.00
Vehicle Repairs	2,276.01
Post Office Box Rental	12.00
Dues & Subscriptions	75.00
Office Supplies	117.51
Postage	3.00
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	125.44
Vehicle Fuel	1,808.77
Books & Periodicals	420.45
Dept. Equipment & Uniforms	494.57

Total Police Department

38,691.96

4215 AMBULANCE

Bristol EMS Service	5,070.00
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Total Ambulance

5,070.00

4220 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Electricity	837.30
Heating Oil	932.87
Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00
Vehicle Fuel	126.02
Equipment Purchases	11,800.00
Training	1,200.00

Total Fire Department

15,896.19

4290 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Forest Fire Expense:	
Route 104 Auto-vehicle repair	238.41
Puffco-foam refills	506.30
Glenn Daniels, Fire Warden	152.81
FEMA Ice Storm:	

Ice Storm Wages & Mileage charges	7,899.09	
TLC Tree Services	19,050.00	
Jim Phelps/John Lane-sand/gravel	1,008.75	
Total Emergency Management		28,855.36
4311 HIGHWAY		
Ricky Moran, Road Agent	31,247.04	
Dana Hill	20,174.05	
Alan Huntoon	22,157.15	
Telephone	626.07	
Uniforms	2,125.20	
Electricity	517.97	
Heating Oil	904.75	
Dues	86.00	
Supplies	10,582.85	
Gasoline	508.95	
Diesel Fuel	6,123.88	
Vehicle Repairs	26,032.27	
Road Agent Mileage	1,077.60	
Backhoe Rental, Chris Euerle	4,230.00	
Carl Matthews, Screener Rental	1,200.00	
Ricky Moran, Plow Rental	475.00	
Tom Blay, Plow Rental	200.00	
Phelps Construction, Equipment Rental	3,335.00	
Ed Benware, Mowing	3,200.00	
N.E. Airgas, Lease	110.00	
NH Bituminous Paving	29,009.65	
Chris Euerle, Equipment Rental for Paving	500.00	
June Phelps, Paving Sand	1,522.50	
Alvin Currier, Paving Sand	628.75	
E.W. Sleeper, Sweeper Rental	275.00	
Carl Huntoon, Paving Sand	213.00	
James Lowe Company, Calcium Chloride	884.00	
Ivar Martin, Crusher	6,000.00	
June Phelps, Gravel	1,188.00	
R.D. Edmunds, Stone	31.15	
James Phelps, Gravel	407.00	
Don Ford, Plow Purchase	800.00	
Morton Salt	4,532.12	
Jim Phelps, John Lane, Winter Sand	1,076.25	
Carl Huntoon, Winter Sand	3,357.00	
Bridge Repair Wages	141.25	
Bridge Signage	102.80	
Total Highway		185,582.25
4316 STREET LIGHTING		
Public Service of New Hampshire	4,720.62	
Total Street Lighting		4,720.62

4324 SOLID WASTE

Bert Hillsgrove	6,235.50
Jim Larkin	1,255.63
Telephone	387.25
Electricity	352.17
Site Maint. Wages, Alan Huntoon	338.63
Site Maint. Wages, Jim Larkin	203.00
Site Maint. Wages, Dana Hill	38.25
Dyna Med, First Aid Kit	23.55
Bert Hillsgrove, Mileage	30.75
Workshop Fees	100.00
Transport Fees	51,871.86
Moore Medical, Used Oil Project	122.65
Lab Safety, Used Oil Project	388.78
New Pig, Used Oil Project	1,083.04
Tire Removal Wages	594.15
Don Ford, Cleanup Costs	225.00
Casella Tire, Removal of Tires	1,761.70
Chris Euerle, Equipment Rental	500.00

Total Solid Waste	65,511.91
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4414 ANIMAL CONTROL

Wages, Norm Daigneault	1,587.25
Wages, Steve Corsetti	547.25
Supplies	53.43

Total Animal Control	2,187.93
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4415 HEALTH

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurses	2,335.00
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Total Health	2,335.00
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4419 FAST SQUAD

Moore Medical	350.10
Model Rope Course	42.75
Lakes Region Two Way	491.95
Survivalink	96.00
Fast Squad, Expense Reimbursement	962.00
Dyna Med	43.55
Life Plus, Tank Refills	120.00
Training	1,893.65

Total Fast Squad	4,000.00
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4442 WELFARE

Public Service of NH	136.34
Emergency Fan	14.27
Emergency Prescription	117.47

Total Welfare	268.08
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4520 RECREATION

Diana Schoeller, Wages	1,800.00
Jessica Cook, Wages	630.00

Gabriel Gagne, Wages	50.00	
John Schoeller, Wages	150.00	
Greg Gagne, Wages	300.00	
Ragged Mtn. Ski Area	1,000.00	
George Issa, Pool Rental	210.00	
Bristol Community Center	4,430.00	
Park Mowing	45.00	
Summer Program Supplies	459.31	
Total Recreation		9,074.31
4550 LIBRARY		
Dot McGonningal & Gertrude Smart Wages	1,861.50	
Electricity	116.33	
Heat	642.40	
Books	1,500.00	
Total Library		4,120.23
4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		
H.A. Holt, Cemetery Flags, Markers	317.50	
Chris Phelps, Flag for Town Hall	31.84	
Ruby Hill, Old Home Day Appropriation	200.00	
Total Patriotic Purposes		549.34
4589 SENIOR CITIZENS		
Ed Roche, Senior Trip Appropriation	350.00	
Total Senior Citizens		350.00
4711 LONG-TERM DEBT		
Bank of NH, Loader	15,000.00	
Bank of NH, Fire Truck	15,000.00	
Bank of New Hampshire, Cruiser	9,100.00	
Total Long-term Debt		39,100.00
4721 LONG-TERM DEBT INTEREST		
Bank of NH	3,350.16	
Total Long-term Debt Interest		3,350.16
4723 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE INTEREST		
New London Trust	2,445.58	
Total Tax Anticipation Note Interest		2,445.58
4901-4909 WARRANT ARTICLES		
Highway Garage Site		
Septic Design	385.00	
Phelps Construction, Sitework	12,000.00	
Kearsarge Shopper, Bid Advertising	30.60	
Railroad Property Purchase		
State of New Hampshire, Land Purchase	4,700.00	
Police Video Equipment		
Eagle Eye Technology	4,295.00	

Health Insurance		
Blue Cross Blue Shield	5,860.53	
Assessing		
Arthur Morrill	1,679.00	
Records Preservation		
Money Placed in Capital Reserve	2,000.00	
Road Signs		
Correctional Industries, Print Signs	3,973.49	
Alan Huntoon, Wages to place signs	378.00	
Dana Hill, Wages to place signs	306.00	
Total Warrant Articles		35,607.62
4915 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	10,000.00	
Total Capital Reserve Fund		10,000.00
Newfound Area School District	1,187,201.00	
Merrimack Country Treasurer	97,907.00	
Valley Fire Equipment (1997 holdover)	60,000.00	
Computer Update Project (held over from 97)	1,730.00	
Registry Fees	419.68	
Refunds due to Overpayments	652.65	
Taxes Bought by Town	149,255.52	
CWS Fence Company, Recreation Project	2,000.00	
(funds from Franklin Savings Bank Donation)		
Decatur Electronics (1997 holdover)	1,595.00	

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE - MBA
RSA 32:18, 19 & 32:21

Total amount recommended by Budget Committee		\$ 769,780
Less Exclusions:		
Principal, Long-term Bonds and Notes	\$ 39,100	
Interest, Long-term Bonds and Notes	3,351	
Capital Outlays, Funded from Long-term Notes	<u>147,500</u>	
TOTAL EXCLUSIONS		\$ 189,951
Amount Recommended less		
Recommended Exclusion Amounts		\$ 579,829
Line 7 times 10%		\$ 57,983

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We, the auditors of the Town of Danbury, certify that we examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Selectmen, Trustees of the Library, and Trust Funds for the fiscal year 1997, and have found the same to be correctly cast and well vouched. The results of the 1998 audit will be reported to the State as required upon completion.

Leo Zaccaria, Auditor
Cheryl Denis, Interim Auditor
Gilda Demers, Auditor

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Bank of New Hampshire

Purpose	Principal	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Loader*	\$60,000	15,000	15,000	15,000		
Cruiser	18,200	9,100	9,100			
Fire Truck	60,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000

*First Loader payment was in 1997.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, lands & buildings	\$ 281,000.00
Furniture & equipment	20,000.00
Community Center, land & building	375,000.00
Library, land & building	61,000.00
Furniture & equipment	15,000.00
Police Department equipment	61,000.00
Fire Department, land & building	208,000.00
Furniture & equipment	425,000.00
Highway Department, land & building	30,000.00
Highway Department, equipment	323,000.00
Materials & supplies	5,000.00
Lands Acquired Through Tax Deeds	
Arthur Bachelder lot	1,200.00
Barney Schlegal lot	17,060.00
Dicey lot	1,200.00
Ragged Mtn Lots 32 & 33	10,120.00
Bog Bridge lot	5,060.00
Independence Park	31,360.00
Roller House lot	1,000.00
Reynolds lot, Route 4	1,000.00
Clarence Williams lot, School Pond	5,000.00
Smith River lot by High St. Bridge	1,000.00
School Pond-North End 1.28 acres	2,000.00
Lot 3, Smith River West (new Highway Garage site)	35,700.00
Railroad Land (acquired 1998)	4,700.00
TOTAL	\$1,639,400.00

DANBURY PLANNING BOARD

1998 Report

The Danbury Planning Board thanks everyone who has taken time to attend our meetings and hearings, and to share thoughts and ideas with us, both in person and by sending us letters and clippings, and even original poems. All of our activities are open to the public, and everyone is invited to attend; notices and agendas are posted at the Town Hall, the Post Office and the stores.

The Planning Board met twenty-two times in 1998. We have worked with property owners on conceptual consultations, subdivision requirements and lot line adjustments. We continue to work on the capital improvements program (CIP), the town mapping process and the Land Use Ordinance.

Phyllis Taylor again served as Commissioner of the Lakes Region Planning Commission as well as being re-elected to the position of Treasurer. She also served on the Board of Directors and the Transportation Committee. All this work is done at no expense to the town. Craig Campbell and Eddie Phelps remained as alternate members and Dale Cook became a new alternate. Secretary Albert Hopkins volunteered significant time as our clerk; and Christie Phelps and Sylvia Hill were a constant source of cheerful support and excellent assistance.

Our members attended many workshops and planning meetings sponsored by LRPC, NHMA and NHOSP as well as other organizations. As a result, the Board's proposals for a study of alternate access to Ragged Mtn. Ski Area from Route 104 and a safety design study for the Town Common at the intersection of Routes 4 and 104, North Road and High Street were included as priority projects in the Lakes Region Transportation Plan.

The Planning Board held a meeting to identify the special places in Danbury as requested by the state. We had some of the highest counts in every category! Planning Board members and Christie traveled to Concord to see Leo Zaccaria accept the OSP's "Director's Planning Project of the Year" for the community center. In August, members attend a Selectmen sponsored meeting with all departments in an effort to develop closer working relationships and to consider town goals for the next 5-20 years.

In September, the Planning Board held a work session to see what the town might do to ensure that Danbury people can work together to plan and accomplish the future we want for our town. There was board agreement that "we as a town need to take charge of our future, because if we don't, outside forces will."

A newsletter was sent to Danbury households announcing the schedule of public hearings to be held on the Land Use Ordinance. Thanks to citizen participation, it is greatly improved from what was proposed in March of 1998. It is now called a "Land Use and Zoning Ordinance," and we appreciate all the input we have had from the townspeople in order to make this a more "user-

friendly" document. The ordinance is directed to *future* changes and *future* uses and *future* development. *Everything* that is existing when the ordinance is passed is *grandfathered* and *can continue unchanged*.

Danbury is fortunate to have a high proportion of its land area as open space; the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance is designed to help sustain it, and to maintain its values, both economic and environmental. The proposed ordinance identifies what Danbury people say is important and what should continue and remain as the town grows and changes. It also informs developers that Danbury people care deeply about the town and expect new development to respect the shared values that make the town special. We hope you will agree and will vote FOR adoption of the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance when you mark your ballot on Tuesday, March 9.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ray Wilson, Chair

DANBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

This has been a year of significant progress for our department. With the addition of Norman Daigneault providing up to 1,000 hours of police patrol and emergency response annually, we now provide the coverage equivalent of one and a half full-time persons (approximately 3,000 hours) for the community.

While a significant amount of man-hours and budget are dedicated to the ever-increasing demands of the Ragged Mtn. Recreational Facility, the overall growth of the community in general requires additional resources as is reflected in this year's budget request.

The additional, highly-visible patrols have proven beneficial in reducing criminal activity, motor vehicle offenses and serious motor vehicle/injury accidents.

The 1999 budget request reflects a continuation of our efforts to keep Danbury safe and to maintain the quality of life to which many of us have become accustomed.

On behalf of Dale, Jean, Norman, Chris and myself, we thank you for the opportunity to serve and protect this community.

Stephen J. Corsetti
Chief of Police

DANBURY RECREATION COMMITTEE
Financial Report, December 31, 1998

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,913.13
INCOME:		
Winter Carnival	\$ 818.00	
Jelly Cupboard Raffle	447.00	
Cookbook Sales	6.00	
Food Sale	28.00	
Spring Fling Dance	245.00	
Cans	550.00	
Grange Fair	406.44	
Car Raffle	801.00	
Donations	204.98	
Interest	17.38	
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Total Income:		\$ 3,523.80
Total Monies Available:		<hr/> \$ 7,436.93
EXPENSES:		
Winter Carnival Change	\$ 100.00	
Winter Carnival Dance Band	300.00	
Winter Carnival Prizes	39.88	
Trash Bags for Cans	24.00	
Mowing at Park	45.00	
Gazebo Repair	274.40	
Ball Field Construction	6,320.94	
Soccer Balls	35.96	
Grange Fair Prizes	217.00	
Bank Charges	20.00	
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Total Expenses:		\$ 7,377.18
Ending Balance: 12/31/98		<hr/> \$ 59.75

DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONER’S AND CHIEF’S REPORT

1998 saw a lot of changes for the department. Foremost was the arrival of our new truck, 36M-1, in May. Decisions had to be made on equipping it—what did we have to have to put it on line and what could wait. To date we still have a long way to go to equip 36M-1 to its full potential.

We as a Fire Department, along with the Boy Scouts of America, have established an Explorer Program. This is an educational program for students 14–18. To date, we have seven explorers who have received their training and are able to participate at a scene within the limits of the Scouting guidelines. Hopefully this program will pique the interest of these young people and they will continue with the department in fire, EMS or both.

We are sad to report that Phyllis Wiggin has retired from active EMS duty after 21 years. She was instrumental in the early establishment of this service and it is due in large part to her dedication and giving nature that our EMS is what it is today. Thank you, Phyllis—your expertise and personality will be missed.

During 1998, the Fire Department and EMS responded to 151 calls. This was an increase from 115 calls received in 1997. The breakdown is as follows:

Fire Calls	33
Medical Aid	81
Service Calls	23
Motor Vehicle	14

The Town appropriation was used to defray the cost of equipping the new truck, maintenance of equipment, clothing, training and the replacement of hoses.

We are always looking for dedicated individuals to add to our ranks. Anyone 14–18 can sign up for the Explorer Program, and if you are over 18, you can join the Fire Department. If you think you would like to get involved, call the Chief or any of the officers.

To report a fire or medical emergency..... **CALL 911**

Lloyd A. West, Commissioner
Robert B.Ford, Commissioner
Phyllis M. Wiggin, Commissioner
Merton E. Austin, Chief

GEORGE GAMBLE LIBRARY REPORT

Hours: Saturday-12-4 P.M.

Additional Summer Hours: Wednesday 6-8 P.M. (April - November)

Library circulation: 2118 Adult; 715 Children

Children from the Summer Recreation Program headed by Diana Schoeller, visited the library on Mondays. Dot McGonnigal, the Librarian, was there to answer their questions and help them in any way she could. We would like to thank the following people: all those who donated books, Andy Phelps for keeping our path shoveled, lawn cut and being there to help us when a strong arm was needed and Jessica Cook for her continued aid in going over our books and getting the shelves in order.

We lost two dedicated patrons of the library this fall—Mrs. Andrew West and Mrs. Jean Hayes. Mrs. Hayes was a Library Trustee who moved away (Mrs. Anna Tanguay was appointed to fill the balance of her term).

**1998 GEORGE GAMBLE LIBRARY
Report of Library Income**

Library Income	
Jan. 1, 1998 Balance	\$ 986.87
Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
Interest from Trust Funds	15.36
Money from Copier	91.95
Gifts Given in Memory of Norma West	<u>785.00</u>
1998 Total Available	<u>\$ 3,379.18</u>

Library Expenses	
Books	\$ 1,421.07
Maintenance	50.00
Misc. Expenses	<u>13.38</u>
1998 Total Expenses	\$ 1,484.45
December 31, 1998 Balance On Hand	<u>\$ 1,894.73</u>

Trustees
Anna Tanguay
Mary Quinn
Phyllis Wiggin

**BELKNAP-MERRIMACK
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
1998 Summary of Services to Danbury Residents**

Service Description	Units of Service	Households/Persons	Total Value
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM	Packages - 246	Persons - 21	\$ 5,301.30
CONGREGATE MEALS	Meals - 389	Persons - 37	\$ 2,230.11
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES	Meals - 66	Persons - 11	\$ 198.00
FUEL ASSISTANCE	Applications - 25	Persons - 49	\$ 9,108.32
MEALS-ON-WHEELS	Meals - 1,011	Persons - 6	\$ 6,237.87
WEATHERIZATION	Homes -1	Persons - 2	\$ 1,259.77
FAMILY PLANNING	Visits - 18	Persons - 10	\$ 1,098.00
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN	Vouchers - 256	Persons - 21	\$ 9,856.00
GRAND TOTAL:			<hr/> \$ 38,855.73

USDA SURPLUS COMMODITY FOODS are now distributed directly to local food pantries and soup kitchens on a quarterly basis.

Information and Referral: CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

BRISTOL COMMUNITY CENTER

1998 Report to the Town of Danbury

There have been some exciting improvements at the Bristol Community Center during 1998. The windows on the front of the building were replaced with new, energy-efficient windows. This has made a tremendous difference in heating the building. We are grateful to Freudenberg NOK for their donation, which enabled us to purchase the windows and have them installed. We removed the stained glass windows from upstairs, and will be installing one of them at the entrance to the BCC so that we can retain a piece of the building's history. The remaining two windows will be returned to the Bristol Federated Church.

The BCC has been a busy place, with record numbers attending our Summer Program in 1998. We added an After Camp Open House Program to assist working parents. We continue to offer our Teen Open House Program on Tuesday evenings with a growing number of teens attending each week to play pool, basketball, ping pong, or computers or watch movies. We offered some new Teen Programs this year that included a three-day Bike Trip. The response was wonderful and we will continue to offer this program. *During the course of a normal week at the BCC over 1,000 people come through our doors for the many programs offered.*

Danbury residents participated in many programs offered during 1998. They included archery, baseball, basketball, dances, Teen Open House, After School Open House, karate, junior high basketball, baseball and softball, umpire clinics, Red Cross First Aid & CPR, hunter safety, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Tot Time, SHARE, volleyball, summer programs, haunted house, Ghost Walk, Easter egg hunt, Father & Daughter Valentine's Dance, Carnival Queen, Jack Frost & Miss Snowflake, soccer, gymnastics, TOPS, Tai Chi, craft classes, senior citizen lunches and trips, Santa's Village, Yoga, softball pitching clinics and more.

We are grateful to Franklin Savings Bank for sponsoring a Book Nook at the BCC for area children. They purchased and donated a book rack, new books, couch and chair for a reading area. Rod Hull of NH Americorps spearheaded the project and we are happy to have it here at the BCC.

We want to thank the Newfound Area School District for their continued support of the BCC and its programs. We hold many of our programs and practices at the local schools to accommodate our growing numbers. Our Soccer Program has more than doubled in the last few years. We are grateful for their appreciation of the importance of recreation in the Newfound area.

In ending, the BCC wishes thank the many Danbury volunteers who have donated their time and energies by working with our sports leagues, helping with our Haunted House (we had triple the visitors this year!), Santa's Village and our numerous other fund-raising and youth activities. Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Dion
Director of Recreation

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

LRPC, with a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll and Grafton counties, is one of nine regional planning agencies established by state statute. We continue to have a very busy year. We are funded through multiple sources, including local dues contributed by member municipalities. Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

A few of our accomplishments over the past year are as follows:

- Co-hosted and organized three Municipal Law Lectures, a workshop on excavation taxes and a workshop on the dollars and sense of conservation open-space zoning. We also attended many meetings for technical planning assistance.
- Initiated a study to identify preferences for areas of local natural, historic and cultural significance in the member communities.
- Prepared a report on trends in commercial, industrial and residential development permits in the Lakes Region from 1992 to 1996.
- Approved transportation enhancement projects for consideration by NHDOT. Completed the first of a two-year Scenic Byway Plan for the Lakes Region Tour. Staffed the Route 16 Corridor Study; created a video on Access management using computer simulation.
- Coordinated the 13th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Renewed efforts to include a permanent HHW Collector Center.
- Served as a board member on Belknap County & Newfound Economic Development groups.
- Served as the Lakes Region's clearinghouse for U.S. Census, demographic and statistical data.
- Amended LRPC's bylaws to ensure that commissioner membership and meetings would include geographic balance throughout the region.
- Represented the region before the International Forum of Coastal Communities on Tourism and the Environment.
- Provided support to the U.S. Americorps staff working with local land-owners for water quality and land management. Staffed the Pemi River Local Advisory Committee. Conducted reviews of flood plain ordinances.

We look forward to serving Danbury in the future. Feel free to contact the LRPC at 279-8171 for additional information or whenever we can be of assistance.

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

The Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. provides services and programs to enhance the health, well-being, dignity and independence of the senior adults in our nine communities. We continue to celebrate basic beliefs:

- Given the opportunity to share and learn from one another, older persons are capable of growth and development.
- Seniors, like all people, have a need for relationships with others and to sense achievement.
- To achieve our goals, many exciting and diversified activities are offered at our Program Center, as well as off-site locations. Among them are:
 - *Education* - computer classes, beginner through internet & e-mail.
 - *Library* - books with regular & large print, plus a new audio cassette section.
 - *Skills* - Bridge lessons, Paint with Peers, woodcarving, quilting and various creative crafts.
 - *Exercises* - chair exercises, Tai Chi, and Walk Your Way Through Winter.
 - *Social* - Friday afternoon movies, dominoes, cribbage and Conversations with Lunch.
 - *Recreation* - hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing; all of these activities are under the direction of our Outdoor Recreation for Seniors program (ORFS).
 - *Health* - hearing screening, flu shots and blood pressure clinics.
 - *Services* - Dial-A-Ride (transportation service), Mr. Fix-It program, Friendly Visitor, Telephone Reassurance, resource information and monthly newsletter.

There are 1,539 members of COA, of which 99 are Danbury residents. Over the last 12 months, Danbury volunteers have given hours of their time to help provide the services of COA to our communities.

Financial support from Danbury and other area towns account for approximately 20% of our required funds. We are asking that \$473.00 be included as an item in the Danbury Town Budget for 1999 to sustain our growth of services, programs and activities for senior adults.

The strength of our mission has been reinforced by the generosity of our 200+ volunteers. This amazing team of people has given thousands of hours helping their neighbors through service and program leadership. A profound thank you to all the special people we call our volunteers! We are deeply grateful to Danbury and other area towns, along with donors to our fund drive, foundation grants, advertisers in our newsletter and individual clients for past and future financial assistance.

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. is open to any person 55 years of age or older. For more information concerning participation in any of the services or programs we offer, please call the COA Program Center at 526-6368.

Sincerely,
Eleanor Goddard
Chairman of the Board

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and practical information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Because of our partnership with Merrimack County, the State of New Hampshire and the Federal Government, we go by the special name of UNH Cooperative Extension. In every Merrimack County community this partnership is at work, increasing economic development, enhancing the environment and developing human potential.

Merrimack County residents also benefit from statewide Extension programming. Among these many local and state efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H and youth development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base through our local Advisory Council, Master Gardeners, Family Focus parenting volunteers and 4-H leaders, and providing research-based information to citizens.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. County staff have worked with many communities in a variety of ways. Community Profiles have been held in Henniker, Loudon and Pittsfield within the past two years. This community event helps community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like and then helps form action groups to work toward their goals. Follow-up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff. If this community process might be of interest to your community, contact the Merrimack County office for more information.

Other community efforts include after-school programs, teen assessment projects, land use management planning, wellness teams, town office visits, master gardeners, working with schools on maintenance of landscaped areas, and providing updated Extension publication notebooks to all town libraries. A family resource center and after-school project in Boscawen sees staff working with the community.

The staff in Merrimack County includes these Extension educators: Judith Bush, Debbie Cheever, Nancy Evans, Tim Fleury, Kathleen Jaworski, Debbie Luppold, John Porter, David Seavey, Marilyn Sullivan and three support staff. Educators reach approximately 1.5 out of every four families in the county.

Visit our office located at 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen (right next to the Merrimack County Nursing Home). We're open Monday-Friday, 8 A.M. until 4 P.M. Call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the web at [HTTP://CEINFO.UNH.EDU](http://CEINFO.UNH.EDU).

BRISTOL COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Bristol Community Services is a nonprofit organization providing services to area residents, facilitating neighborly help. We receive no public funding. It is dependent upon Thrift Shop revenues and the generosity of area churches, civic organizations, businesses and individuals. Community Services' existence and healthy growth are proof that a rural area can go far in helping its own, and that concerned citizens working together with a common goal can contribute significantly to improving the welfare of the whole community.

The Board of Directors meet the second Wednesday of the month in January, March, May, June, July, September and November. Council meetings are held following the board meeting and are made up of volunteers representing the various towns in the service area. A strong commitment to the neighbor helping neighbor philosophy sustains Bristol Community Services.

Volunteers are always needed and can be of assistance providing transportation, office support, thrift shop help and serving on the Executive Board and the Council.

1998 was a busy year at BCS, providing 60 individuals in 16 households in Danbury with assistance from the food pantry. Other assistance provided to Danbury residents was in the form of referral services, telephone reassurance calls, Secret Santa program, food and gasoline vouchers and transportation, as well as assistance through the BCS Salvation Army Unit. Newfound area residents received 94 Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets as a result of the generosity of many.

Other services offered throughout 1998 to area residents included Parenting Classes, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, GED preparation classes, Work Opportunity Services and JOBS Program Services. Newfound Area SHARE is available at BCS. The SHARE/SERVE program is easy to participate in, and anyone who eats qualifies. This program allows people to help their community and purchase food from a cooperative food program.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Farmer
Executive Director

**REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN
AND STATE FOREST RANGER**

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported through December 23, 1998)

<i>Fires Reported by County</i>		<i>Causes of Fires Reported</i>	
Belknap	44	Smoking	59
Carroll	89	Debris Burning	38
Cheshire	67	Campfire	29
Coos	18	Power Line	14
Grafton	43	Railroad	9
Hillsborough	232	Equipment Use	24
Merrimack	108	Lightning	16
Rockingham	121	Children	95
Strafford	64	OHRV	6
Sullivan	12	Miscellaneous	53
		Unknown	140
		Fireworks	6
		Arson/Suspicious	16
		Illegal	231
		Rekindle	43
		Disposal of Ashes	19
TOTAL FIRES	798		
TOTAL ACRES	442.86		

THE DANBURY COMMUNITY CENTER

Like the Baptist Church of 1832, the Danbury Workshop has come a long way since Leo Zaccaria took on the project of saving the building in 1994. The governing body, namely the Workshop, is now in possession of a beautiful community center.

As many of you know, the workshop received a \$350,000 block development grant to renovate the building. These monies were overseen and spent by the State during the renovation phase. You may not know that because of all the hard work and the quality of the work that was put into the building, we received the *1997 Project of the Year Award* from the New Hampshire Office of State Planning. Congratulations to all involved in the project.

Community support has been outstanding! Not only have organizations like the Lakes Region Charitable Trust Foundation, Freudenberg-NOK and the Andover Lions club contributed so generously, the list of individuals who have given of their time, money and items is almost endless. This has truly been a community effort!

We have opened an after-school daycare program, provided a fitness program, provided space for the Historical Society events and meetings and the LSRVNA's flu shots, a support group for young mothers and children, an open AA meeting, a children's craft night, senior potluck luncheon, a Contra Dance, provided space to the Living Arts Program from Bristol for high school students and we are co-hosting the Winter Carnival week with the Danbury Recreation Committee.

We will continue to build and plan new programs and special events for all ages. Currently plans are in the works for a summer program that will compliment and expand the already successful Danbury Recreation Committee Program.

Danbury citizens have a lot to be proud of!

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Sue Shepard, Co-chair
Audrey Pellegrino, Co-chair

**LAKE SUNAPEE REGION
VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION
Services Provided for the People of Danbury**

Home Health Care:	882 Visits made to 18 patients
Hospice Care:	39 Visits made to 1 patient
Community Clinic/Wellness Programs:	45 Individuals served
Long-term Care:	157 Hours of care to 6 patients
Family health services and Clinics:	75 Visits made
School-age child care/after school/summer:	1 Child served

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association cares for people where they most want to be, at home with their family and friends. The tradition of home care that began over 100 years ago has evolved into a highly sophisticated health care delivery system through partnerships with other providers and new medical technology available in the home setting.

What matters most is that home care partners with families, physicians and the community to promote healing and independence; to care for and support individuals and families at the end of life; and to encourage community wellness and education.

Community support is a vital component of this care system because it enables us to provide services to those who lack insurance or resources. The Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers and especially the patients and families who receive care and services appreciate the continued support of the town of Danbury.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Steel
President and CEO
290 County Road, New London
P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH
03257
Depot Street, Newport

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages Registered in the Town of Danbury for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

DATE OF MARRIAGE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE OF GROOM AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF BRIDE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
January 29, 1998	Danbury, NH	Brownell, Ronald William	Danbury, NH	Marotta, Irene Libby	Danbury, NH
January 31, 1998	Danbury, NH	Potter, Sr., Lonnie Albert	Danbury, NH	Butler, Cynthia Jean	Danbury, NH
June 6, 1998	Danbury, NH	Cambell, Craig S.	Danbury, NH	Williams, Gail G.	Danbury, NH
July 11, 1998	Hopkinton, NH	Fonté, Albert	Danbury, NH	McKenzie, Suzette G.	Contoocook, NH
August 1, 1998	Somersworth, NH	Glines, Jonathan A.	Danbury, NH	Berry, Jodi L.	Barnstead, NH
August 15, 1998	Danbury, NH	Biron, Kelly Francis	Danbury, NH	DalPra, Deborah Ellen	Danbury, NH
November 28, 1998	Bristol, NH	Zriny, Jason Erik	Danbury, NH	Somers, Teresa Jean	Danbury, NH

Births Registered for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
October 27, 1997	Concord, NH	Barnett, Hannah Elizabeth	Barnett, Simon Kenton	Barnett, Jennifer Lynn
December 18, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Hackeman, James Earl	Hackeman, Wayne Philip	Hackeman, Diane
February 26, 1998	Concord, NH	Heath, Kayla May	Heath, William	Heath, Ann
April 7, 1998	Lebanon, NH	Kehoe, Ceilidh Rose	Kehoe, Peter Michael	Kehoe, Valerie
May 30, 1998	Lebanon, NH	Giberson, Michael Donald	Giberson, Michael Alan	Giberson, Jamie
June 5, 1998	Danbury, NH	Danforth, Sarah Margaret	Danforth, Sr., Gene Francis	Danforth, Linda
June 17, 1998	Concord, NH	Cote, Samantha Margaret	Cote, Wayne Alan	Cote, Melissa
September 20, 1998	Lebanon, NH	Williamson, Samuel Tyrus	Williamson, Sean Miller	Williamson, Sharon
October 2, 1998	Franklin, NH	Elliott, Savannah Louise	Elliott, Richard	Elliott, Erika

Deaths Registered for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
January 15, 1998	Hartford, VT	Fuller, Philip E.	Fuller, Philip	Potter, Grace
March 10, 1998	New London, NH	Walker, Annie	Langley, Aubrey	Williams, Abbie
March 12, 1998	Franklin, NH	Eastman, Marvin R.	Unknown	Eastman, Alma
June 4, 1998	New London, NH	Huggard, Anne W.	Brewer, Edward	Gray, Sarah
October 16, 1998	New London, NH	Swift, Eric G.	Swift, Joseph	Mallen, Florie
October 29, 1998	New London, NH	West, Norma D.	Brown, Harvey	Beck, Freda

Note: Due to the Privacy Act you will find less information regarding vital statistics published in the Town Report than in the past.

